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(elected in December 1774, but no meetings of Congress were held), 1775–1776 (elected in April 1775, August 1775, May 1776, July 1776, and November 1776; no evidence of attendance after October 1776), 1777 (elected in February 1777, but did not attend; declined to serve on February 22, 1777), 1777–1778 (elected in December 1777, but did not attend until September 1778), 1783-1784 (elected in November 1783, but did not attend until March 1784); delegate, Federal Convention that formed the Constitution, 1787 (elected, but declined to serve). ADDITIONAL COMMENT: one of the four Maryland delegates to the Continental Congress who signed the Declaration of Independence. WEALTH DURING LIFE-TIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £1,574.11.6, including 32 slaves and 157 oz. plate, 1783; wife's dower, £1,000.0.0. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 442 acres in Charles County, which he purchased from his uncle Daniel Jenifer (by 1729-1795). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased 2,406 acres in Charles County (of which 206 acres were confiscated British property) between 1777 and 1785; secured 13-year lease on 20 acres, which included a mill seat, mill, mill stones, and houses, 1782; purchased from his uncle, Daniel Jenifer (by 1729-1795), a house and lot in Annapolis, plus three adjoining lots and two lots directly opposite, 1783; by 1783 owned 175 acres of "Poynton Manor," the ancestral home of the Stone family, which he probably inherited; purchased one-fourth of a one-tenth share of the Baltimore Iron Works as confiscated British property, 1784. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on October 5, 1787, in Alexandria, Virginia; buried at his estate, "Haber de Venture," in Charles County. ADDITIONAL COM-MENT: When his wife died suddenly on June 1, 1787, Thomas retired from public office, and on the advice of his doctors planned a sea voyage to recover from his despondency. He died in Alexandria while awaiting the ship. PERSONAL PROP-ERTY: TEV, at least £2,665.10.1 (including at least 25 slaves and a library of 530 law volumes and 258 other volumes). ADDITIONAL COMMENT: By 1798 a total of £4,189.18.10 had been added to Stone's estate from both sperate debts and sales. In 1809, 15 slaves, valued at \$3,090, were given to the estate in payment of a debt owed by the estate of Stone's uncle, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer (1723-1790). LAND: ca. 3,000 acres in Charles County; eight years remaining on a lease to 20 acres of mill land in Charles County; a house and 4 adjoining lots in Annapolis; one-fourth of one-

tenth share of the Baltimore Iron Works, acreage not known.

STONE, WILLIAM (ca. 1603-ca. 1659/60). BORN: ca. 1603, in England. IMMIGRATED: in 1648 or 1649, as a free adult with wife and children from Virginia. RESIDED: in St. Mary's County; Charles County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. UNCLE: Thomas Stone, a merchant, of London. BROTHERS: Andrew; John; Matthew; and Richard. MARRIED by 1640 Verlinda (?-1675), daughter of Thomas Graves (?-ca. 1636) and wife Katherine. Her brothers were John (by 1605-by 1640); Thomas (ca. 1617-by 1674); and Francis (ca. 1630-by 1691), who married by 1678 Jane. Her sisters were Ann (1620-1683), who married first, by 1637, Rev. William Cotton, second, by 1642, Rev. Nathaniel Eaton, and third, ca. 1657, Rev. Francis Doughty; Katherine, who married first, William Roper, of Accomack County, Virginia, and second, Thomas Sprigg (1630-1704) of Calvert County, Maryland. CHILDREN. SONS: Thomas (ca. 1635-1676), a justice of Charles County in 1661, who married Mary: Richard (?-1667); John Stone (ca. 1648-1697); and Matthew (?-1676), clerk of Charles County, 1674-1676, who married Margery. DAUGHTERS: Elizabeth, who married in 1661/62 William Calvert (ca. 1642/43-1682); Mary, who married first, John Thomas (?-1673) of Stafford County, Virginia and Charles County, and second, Robert Doyne (?-1689); and Catherine. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, probably had Puritan leanings. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: immigrated to Virginia by 1628 as an agent of his uncle, Thomas Stone; owned 5,250 acres in Virginia in 1640; was a recognized political leader in Virginia with strong ties to the English and Chesapeake Puritan communities when Lord Baltimore appointed him governor in 1648; recruited a substantial number of Virginia Protestants to Maryland; received Poynton Manor in 1654 for his "laudable services," and for transporting himself, his wife, four children, and four servants. oc-CUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Upper House, 1658 (did not attend). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES: governor, 1648-1656 (replaced March 29-June 28, 1652, and 1654-1656, by the Parliamentary Commissioners); Council, 1656-ca. 1659/60; justice, Provincial Court, 1657/58-ca. 1659/60. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, by 1659. OUT OF COLONY SERV-ICE: Hungar's Parish Vestry, Accomack County, Virginia, 1635; sheriff, Accomack County, 1634,

1640; burgess, Accomack County, 1642. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: Stone's appointment as governor was critical to Lord Baltimore's maintenance of good relations with the Puritan government in England and the Protestants in Maryland. He was replaced as governor in 1656, probably because he had not upheld the proprietary interests as strongly in 1654 as Lord Baltimore desired. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND: had probably sold all Virginia land by 1653; owned ca. 5,000 acres in St. Mary's, Charles, and Calvert counties. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between December 3, 1659, and January 4, 1659/60, in Charles County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: no total given; estate included 13 servants and 2 slaves. LAND: ca. 5,000 acres in St. Mary's, Charles, and Calvert counties.

STONE, WILLIAM (1666-1731). BORN: in 1666, in Charles County; second son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: on "Poynton Manor," Charles County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Thomas Stone (ca. 1635-1676), justice of Charles County, 1661, son of William Stone (ca. 1603-ca. 1659/60). MOTHER: Mary, who married second, John Blackfan, and third, Joseph Manning. UN-CLE: **John Stone** (ca. 1648–1697). BROTHER: Richard. FIRST COUSIN: Thomas Stone (1677–1727). MARRIED Theodosia, daughter of Zachary Wade (ca. 1627-1678) and wife Mary. Theodosia was the niece of William Hatton (?-1712); Elinor Hatton, who married first, Thomas Brooke (1632-1676), and second, *Henry Darnall* (ca. 1645–1711); Elizabeth Hatton, who married first, Luke Gardiner (1622-1674), and second, Clement Hill (?-1708); and Barbara Hatton, who married James Johnson (?-?). Her brothers were Richard; Robert (by 1657-1713/14). Her sisters were Jane; Marie (1661-?). CHILDREN. SONS: William (?-by 1731); Thomas; and Richard (?-ca. 1782). DAUGHTERS: Mary, who married Thomas Mathews; Verlinda, who married Joseph Harrison (1687-1727); Theodosia, who married Francis Meek; Pretious (Precious), who married (first name unknown) Jones: and Bethia, who married Thomas Barnes, PRI-VATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND AC-TIVITIES: third generation Maryland officeholder; fined in 1701 for neglect of duty as clerk of indictments, Charles County Court. OCCUPA-TIONAL PROFILE: lawyer, admitted to the following courts: Charles County, 1690; Provincial Court, 1694; and Prince George's County, 1696; planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower

House, Charles County, 1704–1707 (Laws 1, 3, 5), 1708A. LOCAL OFFICES: Nanjemoy Parish Vestry, Charles County, 1693–1697, 1703; clerk of indictments, Charles County, 1699–1704; justice, Charles County, 1715–1729 (quorum, 1720–1729); justice, Court of Oyer, Terminer, and Gaol Delivery, Charles County, 1718, 1720. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 1,800 acres. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated August 12, 1731, in Charles County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £535.1.7 (including 13 slaves and books); FB, £497.3.6. LAND: 2,200 acres, plus 5 tracts of unspecified size.

STONE, WILLIAM (by 1751-?). BORN: by 1751 in Durham Parish, Charles County. NATIVE: fifth generation. RESIDED: in Somerset County by 1774, probably at "High Suffolk" on the north side of the Wicomico River, Rewastico Hundred, Somerset County, by 1783; near Rockawalking Branch. Rewastico Hundred, Somerset County, by 1798. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: John Stone (1714-1775) of Charles County, son of Matthew Stone (ca. 1679-1750). MOTHER: name unknown (?-by 1763). STEPMOTHER: Mary, widow of Harrison Musgrove, daughter of Barton Warren. BROTH-ERS: Thomas, of Charles County, who married Catherine (last name unknown); Josiah (?-1781); and John (?-1783). HALF BROTHERS: Matthew, who married Jane (last name unknown); Warren; and Barton Warren (1772-1844), of Charles County and later of Kentucky, an ordained Presbyterian minister, who left Presbyterianism and became a frontier evangelist and leader in the establishment of churches designated by the name Christian. Barton married first, in 1801, Elizabeth Campbell (?-1810), and second, Celia Wilson Bowen. HALF SISTER: Elizabeth. OTHER KINSHIP: great-grandfather, John Stone (ca. 1648–1697). MARRIED by 1774 Betty, possibly the widow of (first name unknown) Handy, daughter of Capt. William Murray (?-1774) of Somerset County and his wife Frances. Her sister was Sarah, who married William McBryde (?-1794), a merchant of Somerset County. CHILDREN. SONS: Henry; John Murray (by 1783-by 1796); and William Murray (1779-1838), rector of Spring Hill and Stepney Parishes, 1802–1830, consecrated bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Maryland, October 21, 1830, who married in 1808 Anne Savage (ca. 1789-1821) of Virginia. DAUGHTERS: Mary; Elizabeth (?-1822), a spinster. STEPDAUGHTER: possibly Frances Handy. PRIVATE CAREER. EDU-CATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Angli-